

GENERAL STUDIES WITH AN AREA OF EMPHASIS—ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The General Studies with an Area of Emphasis program, developed by the Counseling Discipline, is designed to meet the needs of students interested in graduating with an Associate level college degree by studying specific related disciplines of academic subjects (Natural Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Humanities, Ethnic Groups in the United States, or Language and Rationality).

The degree prepares the student for the following:

a broad range of educational outcomes including reasoning skills, general education, basic skills, mathematical skills, communication skills and intercultural understandings desired by employers and required in a variety of entry level professional careers and or promotional opportunities
the completion of a major leading to a two-year college degree
a solid beginning in the transfer planning process through careful educational planning with a counselor

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PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the General Studies program, a student should be able to:

read, write, speak and verbally comprehend at a college level.
define information needs, access information efficiently and effectively, evaluate information critically, and use information ethically.
use quantitative and logical reasoning to analyze information evaluate ideas and solve problems.
understand and respect the cultural, economic, social, political, biological and interdependence of global life.
acquire an appreciation in and involvement in the creation or performance of the work of fine arts/music culture.

This degree provides an opportunity for students to earn an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in a comprehensive area of study and is intended for the student who **may not be planning on transfer** to a university in the near future.

A minimum of **60.0 semester units** must be completed with a grade of "C" or better in all degree-applicable units. Only courses numbered 1-199 may apply toward the Associate Degree.

CHOOSE A SINGLE AREA OF EMPHASIS: Complete 18 units in **one** of the areas of emphasis listed below. *18 units are required from one emphasis: Choose either Natural Science, Social and Behavioral Science, Humanities, Ethnic Groups in the US or Language and Rationality. For this degree, students can double count General Education courses.*

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Area of Emphasis: Humanities

Courses in the humanities are those that study the cultural activities and artistic expressions of human beings.

Students will develop an awareness of the ways in which people throughout the ages and in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creations and develop aesthetic understanding and an ability to make value judgments.

For the 18 units required, select courses from at least two disciplines; from one of the disciplines select at least two courses. Students can double count General Education courses with area of emphasis.

REQUIRED DEGREE COURSES			
American Sign Language: ASL 1, 2, 3			
Anthropology: ANT 2, 3, 20			
Art: ART 1A, 1B, 3, 10, 12A, 15A, 15B, 33, 34, 70, 72, 80			
English: ENG 1B, 17, 22, 24, 26, 31, 32, 33, 41, 44A, 44B, 46A, 46B, 47A, 47B, 50, 51			
Ethnic Studies: ETH 6, 12, 25			
History: HIS 40, 47, 51			
Music: MUS 1A, 1B, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 20, 21, 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4, 23.5, 24, 25, 26, 29.1, 29.2, 29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 34.1, 34.2, 34.3, 34.4, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50A, 50B, 52A, 52B			
Philosophy: PHL 2, 10			
Photography: PHO 1, 2, 4			
Spanish: SPA 1, 1S, 1X, 2, 2S, 2X, 3, 3S, 4, 4S			
Theatre: THA 1, 3, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 110A, 122, 142, 170, 172, 180, 182, 190			
		Humanities Emphasis Units	18.0

Area of Emphasis: Ethnic Groups in the United States

Courses in the ethnic groups are those that study important themes and issues in United States history, society and cultural. Courses will address the theoretical and analytical issues relevant to understanding race, culture and ethnicity in our society.

Students will develop a framework for better understanding one's particular cultural/historical identity in our society.

For the 18 units required, select courses from at least two disciplines; from one of the disciplines select at least two courses. Students can double count General Education courses with area of emphasis.

REQUIRED DEGREE COURSES			
Alcohol and Other Drugs: AOD 4			
Anthropology: ANT 10, 15			
Communications: COM 35			
Early Childhood Education: ECE 53			
Education: EDU 1			
English: ENG 1B Multicultural Perspective, 26,			
Ethnic Studies: ETH 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 25			
Health Education: HED 6			
History: HIS 10, 40, 46A, 46B, 49A, 49B			
Music: MUS 5, 6, 7, 8			
Sociology: SOC 42			

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ELECTIVES (Courses Numbered 1-199)	Course #	Course Title	Units
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